

SUKTA XVI. (XXX.)

The deity as before, or it may be the *Bdjd*
 RHTANCHAYA, who
 is occasionally praised; the *Rishi* is BABHHU;
 the metre
TrishM.

1. Where is that hero? who has seen
 INDBA seated
 in his easy chariot, travelling with his
 horses, the
 thunderer, the invoked of many, who,
 desirous of the
 libation, is proceeding with riches to the
 habitation
 (of his worshipper) for his preservation?
2. I have looked down upon the secret
 and fearful
 place of his abiding; I have repaired,
 desiring him,
 (to the place of) the 'self-sustainer; I have
 inquired
 (of him) from others: they, the leaders (of
 rites), the
 searchers after wisdom, have said to me,
 let us have
 recourse to INDRA.
3. When the libation- is offered, INDRA,
 we cele-
 brate thy exploits; those (exploits) which
 thou hast
 been pleased (to achieve) for us: let him
 who is
 ignorant acquire knowledge (of them); let
 him who is
 acquainted (with them) make them
 known: this
 MAGHAVAN (is) the lord of hosts.
4. As soon as generated, INDRA, thou
 hast made
 thy mind resolved: thou hast gone alone to
 contend
 against numerous (foes): thou hast rent
 asunder the
 rock by thy strength: thou hast rescued
 the herd of
 milk-yielding kine.
5. When thou hast been born most
 excellent and
 supreme, bearing a name widely
 renowned, then the
 gods have been in dread of INDRA, and
 he has sub-

sanhdravadgrakydni if correct, this shews
 the custom of
 presenting Honorary dresses to be of Indian
 origin and con-
 siderable antiquity: the same are compared to a
 chariot, as the

' means of conveying *Indra* and the gods to sacrifices.